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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

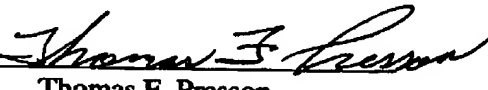
Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14 and 16-20, which were indicated as allowable, are currently pending. Claims 5, 10, 15 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 19 are hereby amended for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

### CONCLUSION

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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